

# Class Updates - 05.11.2021



## Reception Class Butterflies Update

Well done Butterflies for settling straight back into school and being ready to learn. We started our new topic **Come on and Celebrate!**

On Tuesday we had our celebration, Light Day, looking at different light festivals around the world and it was lovely to see all of the children dressed up in light colours and take part in the Light Day Collective Worship.



In maths, the children followed some pictorial instructions and mixed their own salt dough to make their own dough creations. Afterwards the children could tell me: *'We needed 2 cups of flour', '1 cup of salt' and 'half a cup of water'*.

Wednesday was **Engineering Day** and the class joined a live session with children from other schools around the country finding out about a project with the **'3engineers'** and their books **The Adventures of Scout**. (See separate article)

The children have also thought about their own birthday celebrations and what makes a good birthday, and then learnt about **Diwali, the Hindu festival of light in RE**. On Friday we have learnt about the **past and the gun powder plot** is the reason we celebrate with **fireworks on 5th November**.

A very busy, first week back. Well done Butterflies!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds - Welcome back Ladybirds! We hope you all had a lovely half term break. It was fabulous to see so many of you in bright colours to celebrate Light Day. Our focus for Light Day was Chinese New Year. We created a giant Chinese dragon we which we shared with the whole school ion Collective Worship. We are enjoying reading Nick Sharratt's Foggy Foggy Forest and we are creating our own class book - 'The Shadowy, Shadowy Shop'. We had a great day at Forest School whittling with knives to make marshmallow sticks . We planted lots of bulbs and had fun finding snails and rolling the tyres as far as we could. In Science, we are beginning our new topic learning all about everyday materials and what they are used for.



**Miss Nicholson and Mrs Potter**

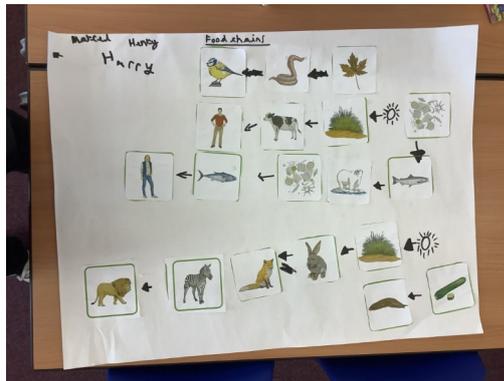
## Year 2 Caterpillars



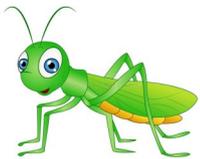
Welcome back year 2. I have been so impressed with how much extra work lots of you have done over the half term break. I could clearly see where you have been practising your 2,5 and 10 times tables. I was also really happy with how well you had retained your place value understanding and how many of you challenged yourself to partition numbers in different ways. We shared our menorahs in our Light Day celebration and the class shared what they were thankful for. I really loved hearing about your busy half term breaks and enjoyed seeing how well your sentences are developing. This week we are starting our adventure stories. We read about Amy and her trip through her dinosaur poster into another world. The children then started to draw their own posters imagining a world they would like to visit. In science, we learnt all about food chains and built up different chains using a range of animals, insects, birds and plants. Well done for settling back in so well after your break and earning 2 class marbles in the first day!

**Mr Pike**

**Homework will come out this week to be returned on 10th December. New spellings will also be in your child's reading record.**



## Year 3 Update



This week in maths we have been revising some key learning from our place value unit. The children have been recapping how to count in 4s, 8s and 50s and have also looked at and been practising adding multiples of 10 and 100 to numbers. In English, the children have been writing and ending for our class book, 'The Egyptian Cinderella.' They have been working hard at using exciting descriptive vocabulary and at punctuating speech within their writing.

In PE this week, we started our Gymnastics unit where we will be looking at creating symmetrical and asymmetrical balances using tension. The children created some very creative symmetrical balances within their pairs, thinking carefully about how they could support each other in their balances.





Fireflies,

## Year 4 Update

Well done on our first week back after half-term. I have been really impressed with how you have settled back in after the break.

We started this week by celebrating Light Day. The children learnt about Sikh Diwali and why it is important. We used different sources in the classroom to conduct research and create a leaflet about the special day. In the afternoon, the children used their arts and crafts skills to create hands, showing some of the aspects of the festival, including sharing and kindness.

In some of our maths lessons this week, we revisited rounding numbers. The children have started to become more confident with this area and they are showing an accurate understanding of rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and sometimes even 10,000!

In our English lessons, the children have been looking at tenses. We have looked at past, present and future tenses and tried to use the correct ones in our writing. The pupils did a fantastic job at differentiating between the different tenses and identifying what makes them different.

In our PE lesson this week, the children worked on team building. They had to think about different ways to cross the hall using only a few pieces of equipment. During this activity, I was impressed with how the children communicated and found creative ways to complete the task.

Finally, I appreciate all of your help with the children learning their times tables- it all helps!

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown





## Year 5 Busy Bees Update

Welcome back Bees! We had such a lovely start to the term with our Light Day celebrations. The children worked really hard researching La Fête des Lumières in France and presenting their work in assembly at the end of the day. By the end of it we all wanted to go to Lyon and experience the wonderful and innovative displays of light that take place over a few days in December.

Watch out for spelling sheets that will be coming home from next week. Please encourage your child to complete them - we are hoping that this will be an interesting activity for them and will help embed the words in their brain. Well done to Ollie for playing the guitar to us all—we really enjoyed listening to the music and he has inspired others to have a go themselves. We would love to hear more!

Our Bees love science and will be excited to start their new topic on Forces in the next week. Does anyone know of any friends/family who work with mechanisms and machines who might like to come in and talk to the children? Thanks in advance!



## Year 6 Update

Dragonflies have come back well-rested from half term and have hit the ground running! On their first day back they learnt about Wesak, the light celebration that centres around the Buddha's life and death! The children learnt about some of the ways people around the world celebrate Wesak and then used their origami skills to create a lotus flower—a powerful symbol in the Buddhist religion to show that beautiful things can come from humble beginnings!

The children also had great fun in their new PE units, particularly the tag rugby lesson, where they gave their best attempt to learn to pass a rugby ball...to varying degrees of success!

The class also had their first taste of some programming through the program Scratch. They explored the program and tried to see if they could discover some fun techniques on their own.

